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Reply to Office Action of September 27, 2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-30 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II (claims 23-26) for examination without traverse. Claims 1-22 and 27-30 are canceled herewith without prejudicing the Applicants' right to pursue them in one or more divisional applications.

New claims 31-56 are added herewith. Claims 31-39, 40-48, and 49-51 incorporate the limitations of canceled claims 2-10, 14-22, and 27-29, respectively. No new matter has been added by the addition of these claims.

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for substantive examination.

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